GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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ACTION AGAINST CONSULTANTS
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of consultants involved in the construction of East-West and North-South Corridor and Golden Quadrilateral Project against whom action has been taken;

(b) the number of foreign consultants involved in the said project;

(c) whether domestic expertise for providing consultancy for National Highway construction projects is not available in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of foreign consultancy firms which were found to be deficient in service alongwith the action taken against them?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH)

(a) Action has been taken against 7 consultants involved in the construction of North-South and East-West Corridors (NS-EW) and the Golden Quadrilateral (GQ).

(b) List of foreign consultants including Joint Venture with domestic consultants involved in NS-EW and GQ projects is annexed.

(c) & (d) Bids for engaging consultancy services for National Highway Development Project (NHDP) are invited on International Competitive Bidding (ICB) basis. For NHDP projects, 155 Indian consultants and 131 Indian consultants in joint venture with foreign consultants, were appointed as supervision/ independent consultants.

(e) M/s SMEC International Pvt. Ltd. of Australia was debarred in Feb 2009 for a period of two years and penalty of Rs. 15 lakh was imposed by NHAI, due to lapses resulting in certain deficiencies in reinforced earth in 4 / 6 laning of Gurgaon − Kotputli section of NH-8. In October, 2010 the balance period of debarment was condoned.